

Appl. No. 10/530,503
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Remarks

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Claims 1-27 remain in the application and new claim 28 has been added. Claims 1-6, 10-12, and 24-27 have been amended. New claim 28 is allowable because it depends from an allowable claim. No new matter has been added by way of any the amendments provided herein.

Applicants checked the specification and did not discover any errors.

Applicants amended claims 1-6, 10-11 and 24 to 27 to overcome the informalities objected to by the Examiner in section 2 of the office action. The phrases "if necessary" and "if appropriate" have been deleted from the claims.

Applicants amended claim 12 to correct an inadvertent error in claim dependence, and new claim 28 has been added to cover an alternate embodiment.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2006 for which the two-month date for response is February 20, 2007 (February 19, 2007 was a holiday in USPTO). Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-2183 (Reference Number 21.1075).

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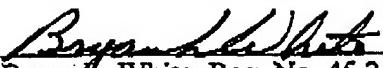
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